Letters

Bucking Bilderberg

I have followed with interest your recent articles by Robert Scheer concerning Prince Bernhard and the Bilderberg organization (The Ruling Class, September 17 and October 1). The Bilderberg group's intentions have also been seriously questioned and studied by what *New Times* might call the "far right." Gary Allen and other conservative writers have tied the Council on Foreign Relations to Bilderberg and noted that the Bilderberg Steering Committee and Advisory Committee are made up of past or present members of the C.F.R. It's interesting that an apparently "liberal" magazine has touched common ground with a subject that troubles and scares many conservatives.

James B. Leimbach
Durham, North Carolina

We, the people, the taxpayers, the builders and lifeblood of the nation must demand the truth behind these secret conferences.

Julie Hixson
Norfolk, Virginia

Shiatsu slip-up

We were happy to see that your cover story featured Shiatsu (September 17) but sorry to note that you failed to credit Wataru Ohashi, president of the Shiatsu center, for the wall chart figures you used as illustrations. Inquiries about the diagrams, classes or treatments can be directed to the Shiatsu Education Center of America at 52 West 55th Street, NYC 10019.

Martha Murphy, Administrator
Shiatsu Education Center of America
New York City

Kirkland on Carter

Your Insider of September 3 contains an item from an unidentified source quoting some purported derogatory remarks about the character of Gov. Jimmy Carter allegedly made by me to some unnamed "Democratic official."

This story is wholly false. I made no such remark to a "Democratic official" (whatever that is) or to anyone else. Nor does it in any way reflect my views.

On the contrary, I believe that there are positive differences, in Gov. Carter's favor, between him and the incumbent. And I believe that Gov. Carter possesses the elements of mind and character which will make him a great president.

Lane Kirkland
Secretary–Treasurer
AFL–CIO
Washington, D.C.

Editor's Note: New Times stands by its story.

Touching 'Running Fence'

Stephen Singular's article on Christo's "Running Fence" (September 3) sparked my interest, so I drove down the Pacific coast from my home in Mendocino to check it out. After reading in your October 1 issue four letters critical of Christo from folks in Massachusetts, Illinois, New York City and San Diego—the closest being 400

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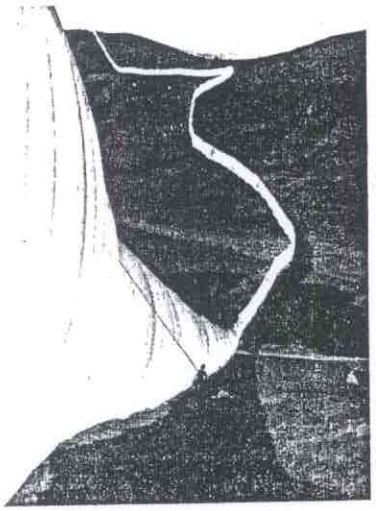

miles from the fence—I had to write. I saw and touched the fence, and I thought it was beautiful.

The seagull-white fabric billowed with the constant winds which course inland from the ocean, dramatizing its erratic directions and force. The fence snaked and slinked over the hills and down the ravines, amplifying the contours and sensuous sleepiness of our coastal hills. The fence looked at home and in harmony—a surprise to my eye. I don't care whether the fence is art or not. I appreciated its movement and dimension—aspects which photographs, films and words can only diminish to two dimensions.

Holly Mulcahey
Gualala, California

Newsday's scoop

The item "Who killed Dr. King?" in the September 17 Insider caught my attention. Almost all the information which *New Times* attributed to Mark Lane, writing in *Newsworks*, actually was first reported in a copyrighted *Newsday* story last February. Les Payne, the author of that story, has been actively pursuing an investigation of the events surrounding the King assassination. I think he deserves full credit for the fine work he has been doing.

Kenneth H. Brief
National Editor, Newsday
Garden City, N.Y.

Hang gliding

I have just read Roger Neville Williams' article on hang gliding (October 1). I was impressed, to say the least, with this new sport which enables people to soar above the earth by their own power and ingenuity. I am very intrigued and excited and would like to know where to write for more detailed information.

Greg Robinson
West Point, New York

Editor's Note: Lists of accredited hang gliding schools and introductory information for beginners can be obtained by writing to Tracy Knauss at the magazine *Glider Rider* P.O.B. 6009, Chattanooga, TN 37401, or to the U.S. Hang Gliding Association P.O.B. 66306, Los Angeles, CA 90066.

Praise from prison

I would like to congratulate and compliment you on two articles in your September 3 issue, "Mainlining the revolution," by Lawrence Wright, and "Mexico's war on poppies—and peasants," by Mary Jo McConahay. I am presently serving an 8-year sentence in the Chihuahua State Penitentiary on charges of trafficking in marijuana so I know a little of Mexico and its "ways." You captured it all accurately.

Elmer G. Davis
Chihuahua, Chihuahua; Mexico

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